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TAGS: GATT ETRD

SUBJ: UK IMPORT CONTROLS

REF: A) GENEVA 9295; B) EC BRUSSELS 11287

1. GATT DG LONG CALLED US TO INDICATE THAT HIS
INFORMATION WAS THAT UK IMPORT MEASURES WHICH WOULD
BE ANNOUNCED LATE TODAY WOULD BE VERY LIMITED, AFFECTING
FEW ITEMS AND FEW COUNTRIES. LONG INDICATED UK WAS NOT
PLANNING TO CITE ANY PARTICULAR GATT ARTICLE AS BASIS
FOR ACTION BUT WOULD CLAIM THAT MEASURES WERE GATT CONSISTENT.
QUESTION WAS HOW BEST TO DEAL WITH MATTER FROM
GATT VIEWPOINT. HE FELT THAT EARLY GATT COUNCIL MEETING
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(I.E., MONDAY, DEC 22) WOULD BE DESIRABLE SO THAT

UK COULD DESCRIBE MEASURES AND GATT COULD REACH CON-
CLUSION THAT THEY WERE IN FACT MINOR AND GATT-CONSISTENT.
HE FELT THAT SUCH ACTION WOULD HELP PREVENT UK ACTION FROM BECOMING
PRECEDENT OR PROVIDING EXCUSE FOR OTHER
COUNTRIES TO ALSO INTRODUCE IMPORT MEASURES. HE ASKED OUR VIEWS.

2. WE REPLIED THAT WE ALSO HAVE RECEIVED INFORMATION
THAT MEASURES WOULD BE LIMITED, BUT THAT USG PROBABLY WOULD
NOT WANT TO REACH CONCLUSIONS UNTIL MEASURES ANNOUNCED
AND WE HAD ADEQUATE TIME TO ANALYZE THEM. WE UNDERTOOK
TO REPORT HIS VIEWS TO WASHINGTON AND TO TRY TO GIVE HIM
US REACTION TOMORROW DEC 18 TO IDEA OF A GATT COUNCIL
MEETING ON DEC 22.

3. WE UNDERSTAND EC HAS NOT YET REACHED POSITION WITH
REGARD TO DISCUSSION UK MEASURES AT EARLY MEETING OF
GATT COUNCIL. ANOTHER FACTOR IS THAT EASTERN COUNTRIES
OR MEDITERRANEAN COUNTRIES DIRECTLY AFFECTED BY UK
MEASURES MAY PRESS STRONGLY FOR SUCH MEETING.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE US VIEWS BY DEC 18 FOR TO TO
CONVEY TO LONG, DALE

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